BABY READS LATIN

LITTLE WICHITA BOY SURPRISE PARENTS AND FRIENDS.

ds English and Latin when Only Three Years Old--Plays Grocery Keeper with Other Children and Makes Out a Correct Bill of Goods which He Pretends to Sell--Writes His Name and Address for the Eagle. "Richmond Benn, 312 New York Avenue--The Mother Talks of Her Remarkable Child-Millionaire's Offer.

Probably the most remarkable boy or baby in the world lives in Wichita. His name is Richmond Benn, and he was 4-years old October 14th, last, He is a natural reader, and he reads

the newspapers, books and periodicals, and his parents do not know when he learned to read.

When little Richmond was 3-yearsold he came across the word sopolio in large letters in a paper, and he asked his father what that was, and

on investigation it was discovered that he could spell and pronounce other words. It was also found that when he saw a word in print and heard it pronounced that he seldom if ever for-got it. And the first thing the parents the child was reading in the papers and books that he found about the

When the grocer left a bill at the home littleRichmond would not be satisfied until he knew what it said, and one day the little boy, a mere babe less than 4-years-old, was playing with the larger children. Little Richmond was calling himself the grocer and he had little bits of paper which he would deliver to the other children, palling one a package of coffee, another sugar, another bran and corn.

There was nothing remarkable in the ne littleRichmond would not be satis

sented their claims but the Populists did not bother much with them and, of course, rejected their claims. The Democrats wanted to name their part of the fusion ticket but the Pops said they much with his packages of mud and was dumbfounded to find that the child had written properly the names of the different articles. Set oposite each a price and then had properly footed up the column of figures. Other bills made out by the child were examined and they two were nearly all correct.

This remarkable child can read Latin as well as English after he has once had it pronounced to him. He is not an unerring imitator like Blind Tom in reading music, but he makes just mistakes enough and sometimes corrects them to show that he thinks.

A reporter for the Eagle saw this remarkable child with his father at Allen's real estate office on Market street yesterday, and after Mr. Allen had related some of the boy's wonderful performances, the reporter said:

"What is your name, young man?"
His father handed him a card and

about this Wichita boy that may yet attract the attention of the wise men, of earth, a reporter called at the Beam residence on New York avenue, and a

Tood's Sarsam purifier it has no equal, and it is chiefly by its power to make pure blood that it has

rheum, boils and other similar diseases. Mood's Pills are efficient and contle. Me. I not become a traveling man.

a word at a time and remembered them nearly all."
"He seems to be a very bright child; can you account for his way of learning and why it seems to come natural to him to read?"

"No; I suppose I can not account for that exactly." "Did you read and study a good deal shortly before Richmond was born Mrs. Mrs. Benn hesitated at this question.

Mrs. Benn hesitated at this question, but finally said:
"Yes, I did. I had read Dickens works, but I took a notion to read them again, and I read them a great deal, and became wonderfully interested in David Copperfield and Oliver Twist, more particularly than in the other books that I read. I think I became more interested in books about that time than I had ever done before."

Mrs. Benn talked of her child and it was plainly to be seen that she expects that he will make a very bright man if he lives long enough to become

man if he lives long enough to become

When spoken to about his wife's reading, Mr. Benn admitted that he thought that that had a great deal to do in forming the disposition fo his boy. He said that his wife when reading of some of Dickens characters had talked to him, and told him that she had sin-cerely desired and rayed that her child might have a clear mind and strength

know that he will ever send his boy to a regular school. He thinks Richmond could learn what is usually considered a years course in three weeks.

THEY NAMED THE DAY. Populists Will Hold Convention Two Day Before Democrats.

The Pople's Party county committee met yesterday and called a county con-cention of their party for July 9, two lays before the Democratic convention

This was as so frequently predicted in these columns.

The committee of Democrats appointed by the Haymaker caucus went before the Populist committee and pre-sented their claims but the Populists did not bother much with them and, of

He read each paragraph, pronouncing the sylables very distinctly, but when he came to the word "illuson." It was divided at the end of a line, and he pronounced it illusnation, but he stopped and after looking at the word Losely, pronounced it correctly.

Richmond Benn seems to be a born genius, and he has the faculty of remembering nearly every word he sees in print. It seems remarkable to see a dyear-old child reading the newspapers and Dickens works, but that is fust what this little Wichita boy can do. He is very fond of Dickens works and especially David Copperfield.

This boy who may become one of the greatest scholars of his age is rather shorter than children of his age, but a muscular little fellow. He has a light complexion, and blue eyes, and a very long head, which seems to form a semi circle from the lower part of the forehead to the base of the back of the head, the highest part of the semi circle benig directly over the ears. He is inclined to be rather scrious for a child of his age, and most of his childish plays are such as require thought. His

the commercial travelers who will be fortunate enough to be in Wichita on July the Fourth will have occasion to doubly appreciate the great boon, the Declaration of Independence is to the hard worked and weary mankind of these United States of America. Wichita Council, No. 39, the most flourishing organization of commercial travelers. Side with southeast exposure—3300. plays are such as require thought. His the hard worked and weary mankind blue eyes look kindly and intelligent, and he seems more inclined to listen to others and reflect than to talk.

In order to learn something more elects in the west, will give their annual ishing organization of commercial travelers in the west, will give their annual picule in the beautiful lawn at the residence of Mr. Wilber F. Stout, The picule will be an enter nous affair for the traveling men, their wives and their families, as well as all visiting traveling men in the city who will be well-ling the men in the C. L. DAVIDSON. picule in the beautiful lawn at the resi dence of Mr. Wilber F. Stout. The picule will be an enter nous affair for

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"Well, he is now down town with his tother."

"We he as healthy child?"

"Oh, yes; he has never been much tick and he is a very strong child for one of his size."

"When did he learn to read?"

"Oh, I hardly know; he has been reading ever since he was 3-yets-old. He seemed to have learned to read so quickly that we did not know how he learned. I suppose that he picked up

At this Season

Something is needed to keep up the appatite, assist digestion and give good, heaithful sleep. For these purposes Hood's Sarsaparilla is peculiarly adapted. As a blood

Liood's Sarsathe contrary, the Knights of the Road can sit with their wives under the trees see their delighted children prance at over the lanw and watch the lightning plerce the air in case and comfor. Then again there will be well fille baskets of chickens, deviled ham, sand wiches and a dozen other palatable things to add to the pleasure of the day and evening. In short the boys will have a time that will make the average individual sad because he did

TOSSED 'EM. ABOUT

PARTY OF WICHITANS HAVE A ROUGH TIME ON THE GULF.

Tired Feeling and After that Lightning Struck Their Ship and Broke a Mast -The Boiler Didn't do a Thing but Blow Up and Render Them Helpless-Safe at Last.

Mrs. M. A. McFerren has received the first news of her son's stormy experence in the Gulf of Mexico. Her son is George McFerren, who until recently lived in this city, and is generally known. Nothing serious happened, In his letter to Mrs. McFerren he says that they had plenty to eat and that omforts of the vessel were everything that could be desired. Of the storm he

We left here (New Orleans) at 2 of character to resist the evil and live o'clock Saturday afternoon, June 1st, Edward Benn, who is a lumber dealer, and lives on New York avenue, between Second and Third street, correctly spelled the word sapolio and pronounced it for the baby. Two or three days after that Mrs. Benn was surprised to hear little Richmond spell and properly pronounce the word.

Lives in Stather what that was, and of character to resist the evil and live a pure life.

James McDaniels of Chicago, a millionair, learned of this remarkable which along the ship's ensign having been overhauled, and supposed to have been in the whole of condition. It was a nice ride down the river until about dusk, when all the opportunity of becoming a great scholar. Mr. Benn says it is too early to think of that and that he does not the supposed to have been in the ship's ensign having been overhauled, and supposed to have been in the ship's ensign having been overhauled, and supposed to have been in the ship's ensign having been overhauled, and supposed to have been in the ship's ensign having been overhauled, and supposed to have been in the ship's ensign having been overhauled, and supposed to have been in the ship's ensign having been overhauled, and supposed to have been in the ship's ensign having been overhauled, and supposed to have been in the ship's ensign having been overhauled, and supposed to have been in the ship's ensign having been overhauled, and supposed to have been in the ship's ensign having been overhauled, and supposed to have been in the ship's ensign having been overhauled, and supposed to have been in the ship's ensign having been overhauled, and supposed to have been in the ship's ensign having been overhauled, and supposed to have been in the ship's ensign having been overhauled, and supposed to have been in the ship's ensign having been overhauled, and supposed to have been in the ship's ensign having been overhauled, and supposed to have been in the ship's ensign having been overhauled, and suppo a fittle loose, and there we were com-pletely overwhelmed with mosquitos, not the kind you have up there, but some of the kind they have down here in the swamps, some of the crew called them "buzzards" and "mocking birds." You could not brush or drive them off; just had to take hold of them and un screw them and throw them overboard. Our party composed of Mrs. McComas, Mr. Mott, Allie, Julia and myself, and being joined here by a Dr. Chalarson, who was going down there as a repre-sentative of the quarantine board here. All went up on the "bridge" with the captain until we crossed the bar into the gulf, about midnight. There was so much breeze up there that the mosquitoes did not trouble us so badly, and after we got out into the sea breeze they all deserted the ship, and there they all deserted the ship, and there was nothing further to prevent our retiring with "that tired feeling" which seems to become so natural to everyone upon starting out on a sea voyage. The ladies and Julia went to their state rooms, and we men "hung up" on the benches in the cabin, or on our blankets up on deck when the weather would permit.

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vicinity of Belize we were away ack just off the coast of Yucatan opposite Cape San Antonio, Cuba. We worked along down the coast and the 8th day out we sighted the "Breakwater," and hoisting our distress signals she hove to and after inquiring our trouble gave us a line and towed us back here to New Orleans, after having been out just ten days. You understand by her picking us up that we did not get aboard her, nor did she furnish us with any supplies—simply threw us a hawlong, which we made fast to our boat, ser about one hundred and fifty yards and that was as near as we could get

long, which we made fast to our boat, ser about one hundred and fifty yards and that was as near as we could get to her, and when we got into the river past the jettles we let go the line and run op to the wharf, 100 miles, under our own steam, and with the modern cylinder head still on.

As I said before, the women folks have had enough for the present, and have gone back up north. Mr. Mott and myself are still here, but expect to get off tomorrow on the same ship. She had a thorough overhauling and don't think we will be troubled with any more break downs.

The "Clearwater" of the Royal Mail line, and the vessel upon which we came up on our last trip, was struck by lightning during the same storm and lost one of her masts and two of the wings of her propeller, and she has been laid up here for repairs. The "Breakwater" only wanted \$4,000 for towing us up. The captain thought that pretty high and I believe they are going to let the courts decide what would be a reasonable amount. We have had a splendid opportunity of taking in New Orleans and though it has been a forced vacation and entirely against our plans and wishes, still we have had to make the best of it, and can only say that "we are glad we are alive."

SAD ACCIDENT AT WASHINGTON.

Robert Phillips, Formerly of this City, was Killek at the Capital. Killek at the Capital.

Yesterday the sad news was received in this city of the death of Roert (Bob) Phillips at Washington during the week. Mr. Phillips was putting on a cornice over a bow window in one of the high buildings on Twelfth street, when the scaffold under them gave way and precipitated them, Mr. Phillips and a Mr. Davis, to the ground, killing them almost instantly. Mr. Phillips leaves a wife and three children. He lived here until about two years ago, when times got dull in building. He was well known here, and had a host of friends, being a splendid citizen and a good alli-round man.

INTHEIR NEW OFARTERS.

"How in the world did you find out that I was riding a bicycle? I have only taken a few lessons and I think I ride moderately well only I grip the handles too hard because my hands are gove?"

"Well, how do you like riding the bicycle?"

"Oh, it is glorious, and it just the next thing to having wings. It is very exhilerating and causes the blood to circulate in a way that is bound to be beneficial. I went out to ride this morn ling when it was cool. My hands were coid and I did not feel a bit well but before I finished my ride I felt excellent and have been better all day."

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Mrs. Mary E. Lease has joined the rmy of bicycle riders. She was riding on the streets yesterday under the instructions of Mr. Frank Burt. Mrs. Lease has only taken a few le sons, but she already controls her

wheel very well and bids fair to soon become a very graceful rider.

A reporter called at the Lease residence last evening to get the distin guished Populist lady's ideas of bicycle riding and found her sitting on the front porch surrounded by her family Mrs. Lease, her two daughters and two sons were all present and seeme delighted to have mother at home Whatever the newspapers may say of Mrs. Lease's home it is nevertheless ture that she is the ideal of her hus-band and her children. A glance into her home will convince anyone of that

fact.
Mrs. Lease was asked to give the readers of the Eagle the benefit of her opinion of bicycle riding. She laughed heartily and said:
"How in the world did you find out that I was riding a bicycle? I have only taken a few lessons. Mr. Burt has given me a few lessons and I think I ride moderately well only I grip the handles too hard because my hands are gore." "Oh, it is glorious, and it just the next thing to having wings. It is very exhilerating and causes the blood to circulate in a way that is bound to be beneficial. I went out to ride this morning when it was cool. My hands were coid and I did not feel a bit well but before I finished my ride I felt excellent and have been better all day."
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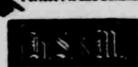


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